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H. R. 165

To establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of
New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Natural Resources

A BILL

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in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the
Edison National Historic Site.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Act Commemorating
5 the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

8 (1) to recognize and pay tribute to Thomas
9 Alva Edison and his innovations; and

1 (2) to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance
2 the Edison National Historic Site to ensure public
3 use and enjoyment of the Site as an educational, sci-
4 entific, and cultural center.

5 **SEC. 3. THOMAS EDISON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
7 Thomas Edison National Historical Park as a unit of the
8 National Park System (hereafter the “Historical Park”).

9 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The Historical Park shall be com-
10 prised of all property owned by the United States in the
11 Edison National Historic Site as well as all property au-
12 thorized to be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior
13 for inclusion in the Edison National Historic Site before
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, as generally depicted
15 on the map entitled the “Thomas Edison National Histor-
16 ical Park”, numbered 403/80,000, and dated April 2008.

17 (c) MAP.—The map of the Historical Park shall be
18 on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
19 priate offices of the National Park Service.

20 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
22 the Historical Park in accordance with this Act and with
23 the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the
24 National Park System, including the Acts entitled “An
25 Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other

1 purposes,” approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16
2 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) and “An Act to provide for the preserva-
3 tion of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and an-
4 tiquities of national significance, and for other purposes,”
5 approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

6 (b) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—

7 (1) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-
8 quire land or interests in land within the boundaries
9 of the Historical Park, from willing sellers only, by
10 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated
11 funds, or exchange.

12 (2) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may
13 acquire personal property associated with, and ap-
14 propriate for, interpretation of the Historical Park.

15 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
16 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
17 interested entities and individuals to provide for the pres-
18 ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the His-
19 torical Park.

20 (d) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED LAW.—Public Law 87–
21 628 (76 Stat. 428), regarding the establishment and ad-
22 ministration of the Edison National Historic Site, is re-
23 pealed.

24 (e) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
25 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

1 States to the “Edison National Historic Site” shall be
2 deemed to be a reference to the “Thomas Edison National
3 Historical Park”.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
6 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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